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In re Application of : DECISION ON PETITION
Dickensheets et al. : TO WITHDRAW THE
Application No.: 09/070,699 : HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
Filing Date: April 30, 1998 :
Attorney Docket No.: A-62591-3/AJT :

This is a decision on the petition for withdrawal of abandonment filed on April 18, 2002 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 9, 2002 holding the application to be abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office action dated July 20, 2001. However, it is apparent that there was no abandonment in fact. A review of the application file reveals that a proper reply to the July 20, 2001 Office action was timely filed on September 4, 2001.

The Notice of Abandonment mailed April 9, 2002 is **VACATED**.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner in charge for appropriate action in due course. Any inconvenience due to the inadvertent abandonment of the application is greatly regretted.

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